

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 559 - SB 1264

March 16, 2021

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates a registration for certified medical assistants under the Board of Licensing for Health Care Facilities. Establishes rules and regulations with regard to what and where a medical assistant can and cannot perform certain duties, and outlines specific registration requirements. Authorizes the Department of Health (DOH) to deny, revoke, or suspend the registration of a certified medical assistant under certain conditions. Effective January 1, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$190,800/FY21-22/

Board of Licensing Health Care Facilities  
\$321,400/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/  
Board of Licensing Health Care Facilities

The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities (HCF) is required to collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating the Boards. All fees collected by the Board are deposited by the DOH with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund and shall be expended by the Department and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the *General Appropriations Act*. The HCF Board had a net surplus of \$47,600 in FY18-19 and a net surplus of \$259,145 in FY19-20. The HCF Board may impose fees to offset a portion or all of the incurred expenditures as a result of the proposed legislation.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004937):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes rules, regulations, and criteria with regard to employment as a certified medical assistant. Requires an ambulatory outpatient hospital clinic to train and verify compliance with the established criteria for employment of a certified medical assistant.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There will not be a significant impact to the Department of Health or health-related boards.
- HCF Board may impose fees to offset a portion or all of the incurred expenditures as a result of the proposed legislation; however, such Board is not required to be self-supporting. All fees collected by the Board are deposited by the DOH with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund and shall be expended by the Department and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the General Appropriations Act. The HCF Board had a net surplus of \$47,600 in FY18-19 and a net surplus of \$259,145 in FY19-20.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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